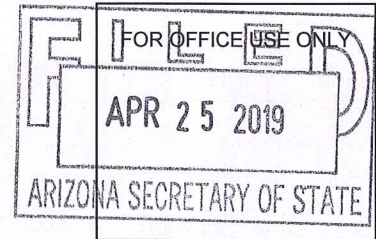




STATE OF ARIZONA

Application for Serial Number  
Initiative Petition  
A.R.S. § 19-111



The undersigned intends to circulate and file an initiative petition and hereby makes application for the issuance of an official serial number to be printed in the lower right-hand corner of each side of each signature sheet of such petition. Attached hereto is the full title and text, in no less than eight point type, of the measure or constitutional amendment intended to be initiated at the next general election.

☒ **Statutory Measure**

☐ **Constitutional Amendment**

Date of Application 4-25-2019

Signatures Required 237,645

Deadline for Filing 7-02-2020

Serial Number Issued I-09-2020

This measure implements a Code of Ethics and requires the State Board of Education to adopt rules adopting the Code of Ethics and enforcement procedures. Requires the Code of Ethics adopted to prohibit public school teachers from engaging in classroom political advocacy, defined as advocating for or against legislation, elected officials and candidates, political parties, and judicial decisions. Teachers may discuss historical matters, defined as legislation over fifty years old and elected officials and candidates who serve or ran over fifty years ago. Gives the Attorney General and respective county attorneys, and all residents, standing to enforce this measure.

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By submitting this Application for Serial Number and checking all boxes below, I acknowledge the following:

☒ That I have received and will review the accompanying Instructions for Statewide Initiatives, including the Secretary of State's recommended best practices for printing copies of the Statewide Initiative Petition to be circulated.

☒ That at the time of filing, I was provided instructions regarding accurate completion of the Statewide Initiative Petition form.

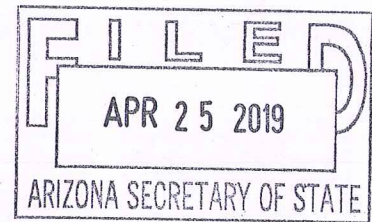
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Applicant Signature

4-25-19

Date





**Voter Initiative:**

**Arizona Classroom Code of Ethics for  
K-12 Public Schools**

SECTION 1. THIS ACT SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE KEEP PARTISAN POLITICS OUT OF THE CLASSROOM ACT ("THIS ACT").

Section 2. Title 15, chapter 5, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended by adding section 15-505, to read:

15-505. EDUCATOR CODE OF ETHICS AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY; RULES; CONTINUING EDUCATION; DEFINITIONS; EXCEPTION; EFFECTIVE DATE

A. THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA HEREIN ESTABLISH THE CLASSROOM CODE OF ETHICS AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOR ("THE CODE"). THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL ADOPT AND COMMUNICATE RULES DETAILING THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION TO ALL TEACHERS AND TEACHING ASSISTANTS IN PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN THE GRADES OF KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 12. THE RULES SHALL BE ADOPTED BY FEBRUARY 1, 2021.

B. THE RULES ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL:

1. BE CLEARLY WRITTEN AND UNIFORMLY ENFORCED.
2. INCLUDE ENFORCEMENT MECHANISMS FOR APPROPRIATE PROFESSIONAL AND ETHICAL BEHAVIOR BY CERTIFICATED TEACHERS.
3. PROHIBIT TEACHERS AND TEACHING ASSISTANTS IN A PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION FROM ENGAGING IN POLITICAL ADVOCACY IN THEIR CLASSROOMS BUT SHALL NOT PROHIBIT TEACHERS AND TEACHING ASSISTANTS FROM ENGAGING IN CLASSROOM POLITICAL ADVOCACY WITH REGARD TO HISTORICAL MATTERS AS DEFINED IN THIS ACT.

C. THE CODE AND THE RULES ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL PROVIDE THAT TEACHERS AND TEACHING ASSISTANTS MAY NOT DO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING DURING CLASS TIME OR WHILE OTHERWISE ACTING AS A TEACHER OR TEACHING ASSISTANT IN A PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION, OTHER THAN WITH REGARD TO HISTORICAL MATTERS AS DEFINED IN THIS ACT:



1. ENDORSE, SUPPORT OR OPPOSE ANY CANDIDATE OR NOMINEE FOR PUBLIC OFFICE OR ANY ELECTED OR APPOINTED OFFICIAL REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THAT PUBLIC OFFICE IS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF A LOCAL GOVERNMENT, THE STATE GOVERNMENT OR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

2. ENDORSE, SUPPORT OR OPPOSE ANY PENDING, PROPOSED OR ENACTED LEGISLATION, RULE OR REGULATION REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THAT LEGISLATION, RULE OR REGULATION IS PENDING OR PROPOSED OR HAS BEEN ENACTED AT THE LOCAL, STATE OR FEDERAL LEVEL.

3. ENDORSE, SUPPORT OR OPPOSE ANY PENDING, PROPOSED OR DECIDED COURT CASE OR JUDICIAL ACTION REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THAT COURT CASE OR JUDICIAL ACTION IS AT THE LOCAL, STATE OR FEDERAL LEVEL.

4. ENDORSE, SUPPORT OR OPPOSE ANY PENDING, PROPOSED OR EXECUTED EXECUTIVE ACTION BY AN EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCY AT THE LOCAL, STATE OR FEDERAL LEVEL.

5. INTRODUCE IN THE TEACHER'S CLASSROOM ANY PARTISAN POLITICAL ISSUE THAT IS NOT GERMANE TO THE TOPIC OF THE COURSE OR ACADEMIC SUBJECT BEING TAUGHT.

6. ENDORSE, SUPPORT OR ENGAGE IN ANY ACTIVITY THAT HAMPERS OR IMPEDES THE LAWFUL ACCESS OF MILITARY OR LAW ENFORCEMENT RECRUITERS TO THE CAMPUS.

7. ENDORSE, SUPPORT OR ENGAGE IN ANY ACTIVITY THAT HAMPERS OR IMPEDES THE ACTIONS OF LOCAL, STATE OR FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT.

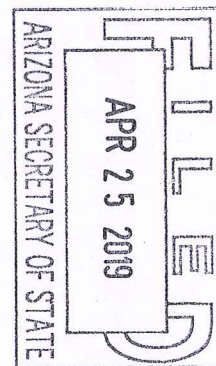
8. ADVOCATE FOR ANY SIDE OF A PARTISAN POLITICAL ISSUE. TO ENSURE THAT STUDENTS HAVE THE RESOURCES TO MAKE INDEPENDENT DECISIONS ON THESE ISSUES, A TEACHER MUST PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH MATERIALS SUPPORTING BOTH SIDES OF A GERMANE PARTISAN POLITICAL ISSUE AND PRESENT THOSE VIEWS IN A FAIR-MINDED AND NONPARTISAN MANNER.

9. SEGREGATE STUDENTS ACCORDING TO RACE OR SINGLE OUT ONE RACIAL GROUP OF STUDENTS IN A CLASSROOM.

D. THE RULES ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION:

1. MUST BE ADOPTED BY AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

2. APPLY TO ALL CERTIFICATED TEACHERS AND TEACHING ASSISTANT PERSONNEL AT KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 12 PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL





INSTITUTIONS, AND ALL NON-CERTIFIED INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANTS AT KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 12 PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

3. SHALL PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE RULES THAT INCLUDE PROGRESSIVE DISCIPLINARY ACTION:

- I. FIRST OFFENSE SHALL BE A WARNING DOCUMENTED IN THE EMPLOYMENT FILE OF THE EMPLOYEE FOR 1-YEAR;
- II. SECOND OFFENSE SHALL BE SUSPENSION OF TEACHING CERTIFICATE FOR NOT MORE THAN 30 DAYS, DOCUMENTED IN THE EMPLOYMENT FILE OF THE EMPLOYEE FOR 1-YEAR;

4. SHALL REQUIRE EACH CERTIFICATED TEACHER AND TEACHING ASSISTANT PERSONNEL TO ANNUALLY OBTAIN AT LEAST ONE HOUR OF CONTINUING EDUCATION INSTRUCTION REGARDING TEACHER RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THESE RULES AND SHALL HAVE NOTED IN EACH EMPLOYEES EMPLOYMENT RECORD THE DATE THAT THE REQUIREMENT WAS COMPLETED.

5. MAY PROVIDE FORMAL GUIDANCE WITH REGARD TO ANY MATTER RELATED TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OR INTERPRETATION OF THIS ACT. A TEACHER OR TEACHING ASSISTANTS WHO IS RELYING ON SUCH GUIDANCE SHALL NOT BE DEEMED TO HAVE VIOLATED THE CODE OF ETHICS.

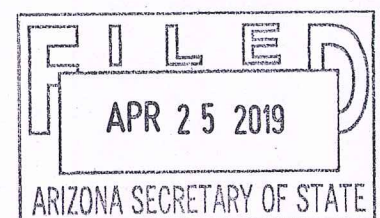
6. ARE NOT REQUIRED TO GO THROUGH THE FORMAL RULEMAKING PROCESS PURSUANT TO TITLE 41, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES.

E. THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTIFICATION TO ALL TEACHERS, TEACHING ASSISTANTS, PARENTS AND STUDENTS OF EACH GROUP'S RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE RULES ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

F. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE COUNTY ATTORNEY OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH AN ALLEGED VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION OCCURRED OR ANY RESIDENT OF THE JURISDICTION THAT IS ALLEGED TO HAVE COMMITTED A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION MAY INITIATE A SUIT IN THE SUPERIOR COURT IN THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IS LOCATED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENFORCING THIS SECTION.

G. THE FOLLOWING DEFINITIONS APPLY TO THIS ACT;

1. "PARTISAN POLITICAL ISSUE" MEANS;



a. A MATTER THAT IS CONTESTED AS A MATTER AND IS NOT GENERALLY ESTABLISHED AS FACT. A MATTER NEED NOT BE ACCEPTED AS FACT BY ALL PERSONS TO BE DEEMED GENERALLY ESTABLISHED AS FACT.

b. OPINIONS OF TEACHERS AND TEACHING ASSISTANTS, RELATED TO POLITICAL PARTIES, POLITICAL AGENDAS, CANDIDATES FOR POLITICAL OFFICE AND ELECTED OFFICIALS.

2. "HISTORICAL MATTERS" MEANS ANY INFORMATION OR OPINIONS, INCLUDING ADVOCACY OFFERED BY A TEACHER OR TEACHING ASSISTANTS WITH REGARD TO:

a. ANY ELECTED OR APPOINTED OFFICIAL WHOSE SERVICE ENDED FIFTY OR MORE YEARS PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT, OR ANY CANDIDATE WHOSE CANDIDACY ENDED FIFTY OR MORE YEARS PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT.

b. ANY LEGISLATION, RULE OR REGULATION THAT WAS ENACTED FIFTY OR MORE YEARS PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT.

c. ANY COURT CASE OR JUDICIAL ACTION THAT WAS DECIDED OR TAKEN FIFTY OR MORE YEARS PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT.

d. POLITICAL PARTIES THAT HAVE BEEN DEFUNCT FOR FIFTY OR MORE YEARS PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT.

H. A TEACHER OR TEACHING ASSISTANT SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO THIS ACT IF ASSISTING OR ADVISING ANY STUDENT CLUB OR GROUP WHOSE MEMBERSHIP IS VOLUNTARY.

I. THIS ACT IS EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2021.

